Once again, a huge thank you to our **terrific volunteers** for continuing to assist our Kearsarge Neighbors! You respond so quickly to each of our requests, and we literally **couldn't do this important work** without YOU. If you are on Facebook, please be sure to [check out our KNP Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/KNPCommunity) regularly, since Neighbors needing a quick response frequently post needs there.

In the past three weeks, KNP volunteers have helped our Neighbors in the following ways:

- Delivered 250 “Gardens in a Tray” to Neighbors and essential healthcare workers
- Continued developing relationships with several Neighbors, in need of longer-term mentoring to help empower them in the areas of affordable housing and financial stability
- Helped a Sunapee neighbor sell their home, and move into a new, more affordable home
- Dropped off bags of Food Pantry items to senior citizens who are at risk for Covid-19 infection
- Arranged to mow the lawn of a Neighbor
- Bagged greens at Sweet Beet Farm, to be donated to area food pantries and the Kearsarge Kares food backpack program for school children
- Delivered firewood to a neighbor needing heat
- Made and delivered soup and cookies to senior citizens
- Performed spring yard clean-up for a visually impaired Springfield Neighbor
- Consulted with new Neighbors needing budgeting advice, food shopping, and help gaining access to heating oil

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**In addition to our ongoing care for individuals and families in our Kearsarge Community - KNP Volunteers are working hard to develop strategic, long term, collaborative initiatives with other non-profits in our Kearsarge region.**

**Garden's in a Tray** and **FEED Kearsarge** are a few examples. Read on for more details . . .

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**Gardens in a Tray**

As part of a Victory Garden initiative, KNP volunteers this week filled compost bags and delivered 250 “Gardens in a Tray” to Kearsarge Neighbors and essential medical workers. Each tray holds 42 vegetable and flower seedlings. Vermont Compost donated a palate of their product, which was sub-divided by KNP volunteers so that a small bag of soil was included with each delivered tray.

[The Grow Program](https://www.thegrowprogram.org) and the [Contoocook Carry Community](https://www.contoocook.org) donated 50 shovels and 35 pairs of gardening gloves, and [Spring Ledge Farm](https://www.springledgefarm.com) donated additional vegetable seeds.

And, of course, mucho kudos to:

- To our load-up volunteers at Spring Ledge who handed out all the gardening materials
- To all of the diligent KNP volunteer drivers who drove the back roads of NH to make sure our neighbors had the beautiful beginnings of a vegetable garden delivered
What a great team effort. Great work KNP’ers. We’re already planning to make this bigger and better next year!

Click here for a short video on this collaborative community effort

FEED Kearsarge

FEED Kearsarge is a joint effort between KNP volunteers, and 5 other non-profits (see below) in our region. This initiative focuses on supporting local food security; providing healthy, affordable, and local food for our Kearsarge Neighbors.

- KNP
- New London Hospital
- Spring Ledge Farm
- Kearsarge Food Hub
- Colby-Sawyer College
- Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry

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